

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, Claims 1-65 have been cancelled. Claims 66-123 have been added.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The single independent Claim 66 corresponds in scope to the independent Claim 65 which, together with claims 6-20 and 24-60, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 67-123 depend on Claim 66 and correspond to Claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8-60.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Claims 66-123 meet the requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Specifically, the claims have only a single range of limitation and proper antecedents.

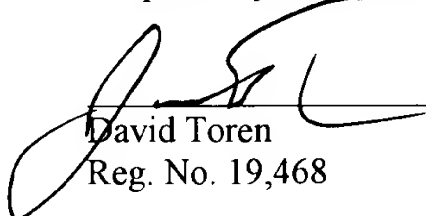
It is respectfully submitted that Claims 66-123 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,


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